Leasing of profit making Airports

2. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to lease out five major profit making airports to private companies; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation has evolved any plan for the functioning of Airports Authority of India and the mode of operation of other loss-making airports and funding thereof after leasing out the profit making airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) It has been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) as and when found suitable through long term lease. At present, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up for this exercise.

The income from the lease of four airports will accrue to AAI. AAI will continue to manage other remaining airports. The Air Traffic Services will also continue to be provided by AAI.

Privatisation of Airports

3. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise some airports;

(b) if so, the reasons for privatising these airports; and

(c) the details of the airports selected for privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) It has been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long term lease. The main reasons for doing so are to bring the standard of services at par with international standards; to improve management culture, efficiency and over-all productivity; to unlock the potential for economic benefits arising out of well-managed